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We Need Hospital Inspectors

The Board is seeking hospital inspectors for California. Inspectors perform routine and complaint related inspections for veterinary hospitals. Individuals must hold a current California license to practice veterinary medicine or a current California registration as a veterinary technician and have at least five years clinical practice experience and knowledge of state laws and standards of the practice. Call the Board for more information.

New Controlled Substance Reporting Requirements

Newly enacted legislation requires all veterinarians who dispense Schedule II and III controlled substances to report directly dispensed controlled substances to the Department of Justice.

Effective January 1, 2005, pursuant to Business and Professions Code Section 4170 and Section 11190 of the Health and Safety Code, all licensees who dispense Schedule II and III controlled substances must provide the dispensing information to the Department of Justice on a monthly basis by using the Direct Dispensing Log.

Information must be submitted by mail to: CURES Program, P.O. Box 160447, Sacramento, California 95816. **Do not submit forms to the Veterinary Medical Board.**

Practitioner's/prescriber's are not required to report to CURES if they only administer the Schedule II and III controlled substances.

Direct Dispensing Log Instructions: http://www.vmb.ca.gov/laws_and_regs/dir_instruct.pdf

Direct Dispensing Log – Form: http://www.vmb.ca.gov/laws_and_regs/directlog.pdf

List of Schedule Drugs Link: <http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/schedules/schedules.htm>

Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement – CURES Link: <http://www.ag.ca.gov/bne/content/trips.htm>

The form requires an "NDC Number" for the drug dispensed. This information is available at the FDA website <http://www.fda.gov/cder/ndc/>

Ambulatory Practitioners

Mobile and ambulatory practices must have a valid premises permit with the VMB. The cost is \$100 a year and must be renewed annually on May 15. Premises permit applications are available by calling the office at (866) 229-0170. Press the # key and leave your name and address where the application should be sent.

Reminder!

Put it inWriting

Have You Moved?

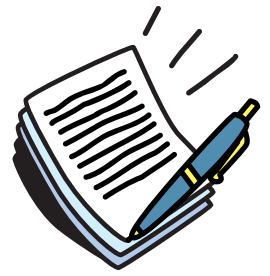
Veterinarians and Registered Veterinary Technicians are required to notify the Board of a new mailing address within 30 days of the change (Business & Professions Code Section 4852). This notification should be done in writing and can be mailed or faxed to the Board at 1420 Howe Ave, Ste 6, Sacramento, CA 95825, (916) 263-2621. No official form is necessary to submit this change. Please include your full name and license number with your address.

If this change occurs during the two year licensing period, no new license is mailed to the licensee. Your license, with the old address, remains valid until the expiration date on the license. However, if you would prefer another license be issued with the new address, please return the license with the old address, along with a \$10 check made payable to the Veterinary Medical Board and a revised replacement license will be ordered.

Name Change?

Persons requesting a name change should mail or fax this request in writing to the Board. The written request should include your full former name and full new name, along with your license number. It is also necessary to include one of the following: a copy of a marriage license, divorce decree, revised drivers license, revised social security card, **OR** another legal document verifying the name change.

If this change occurs during the two year licensing period, no new license is mailed to the licensee. Your license, with your former name, remains valid until the expiration date on the license. However, if you would prefer another license be issued with your new name, please return the license with your former name, along with a \$10 check made payable to the Veterinary Medical Board and a revised replacement license will be ordered.



Renew Your License Early!

The Veterinary Medical Board is encouraging licensees to renew their license as soon as their renewal form is received. Due to staff shortages at the cashiering office in the Department of Consumer Affairs, renewals are taking approximately two (2) weeks to process and up to an additional four weeks (4) to receive the license in the mail. The mailing of the license renewal does not constitute a renewed license. A license is considered renewed once the Board has a record of the payment being posted in the computer system or physically received at the Board office.

Do not wait until the last minute to renew your license. Once the license is expired, you cannot practice veterinary medicine or order pharmaceuticals!

Veterinarians - please remember to answer two questions when completing your renewal: 1. Item "A" or "B" relating to continuing education, and 2. Item "F" or "G" relating to prior convictions. Sign the form, date it, and return with payment.

Registered Veterinary Technicians - please remember to answer the question relating to prior convictions, sign and date the form and return with payment.

California Veterinary Medicine Practice Act - 2005 Edition

Order now and be the first to receive the 2005 Edition to be shipped early February 2005!

The new practice act includes selections from the Business and Professions Code, the Health and Safety Code, the Penal Code, and other important information for veterinary practitioners.

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